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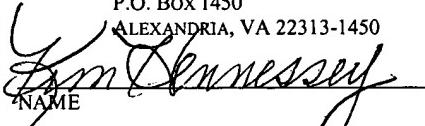
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Luder Gerking § Group Art Unit: 1771
Serial No.: 10/030,020 § Examiner: Eashoo, Mark
Filing Date: December 26, 2002 § Atty. Docket No. 073306.0101
Title: Method and Device for the Production § Client Ref.: N 7/PCT/US
of an Essentially Continuous Fine
Thread §

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 TO
NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 21, 2004**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2004, Applicants respectfully request s reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of the remarks below.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is due April 21, 2004, this Response is therefore considered to be timely filed.